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Rte. 2 car crash thwarts possible abduction attempt

A two-car accident on Rte. 2, Bethel, Saturday afternoon left two people hospitalized. It also halted what emergency personnel on the scene believed to have been a possible abduction attempt.

Injured in the accident were Cynthia Gotjen, of Bethel, and Eleena Grant, 9, of Houlton. Mrs. Gotjen was admitted to Stephens Memorial Hospital with a broken leg, while Eleena was also admitted, with a concussion.

According to EMT's at the scene of the accident, Eleena and her sister, Cinda, 8, were riding in a red pickup truck with their father, Paul Grant, of Barre, Vt. He had picked them up at their home in Houlton, where they lived with their mother. He was supposed to take them to Patten, to spend Christmas with their grandmother—his mother.

Instead, they told EMT's and state police, he was taking them to Vermont. The accident occurred as Mr. Grant was heading south, toward Bethel, and was passing a tractor-trailer just as Mrs. Gotjen (also headed south, in front of the tractor-trailer) was turning left into her driveway. He plowed into the left side of Mrs. Gotjen's Datsun. The crash sent the pickup rolling over into the ditch on the river side of Rte. 2. The vehicle came to rest upside down. Buster Gaudreau, of Gaudreau Repair—who took away the vehicles—said both were total losses.

While Bethel Rescue took Mrs. Gotjen to the hospital, state police took the two Grant girls under protective custody and took them to the hospital. From there, according to EMT's and hospital personnel, the police called the girls' mother and asked her to come to the hospital to get the girls, which she did. The younger girl was released to her mother Saturday

Release of DOE's list of potential waste sites delayed until Jan. 16

Following a meeting in Denver, Colo., last week between Department of Energy officials and officials from the 17 states being considered as potential sites for a second high-level nuclear waste repository, the DOE decided to postpone, once again, the announcement of the potential sites. The short list of 15-20 potential sites, trimmed down from 236, will be issued Jan. 16, 1986.

A DOE spokeswoman told The Citizen the delay came about because some state officials claimed they were not given sufficient time prior to the pending announcement.

The short list of potential sites was originally supposed to be released last month. The date was then changed to this month, and then to Jan. 9. The spokeswoman said Jan. 16 seemed acceptable to the state and federal officials at the Denver conference.

Of the 236 areas in 17 states originally considered by the DOE as a possible second repository for high-level nuclear waste, 32 are in Maine—six are in Oxford County.

evening, while the older girl was released after being held overnight for observation.

The father, according to sources, went back to Vermont, where he is remarried. The Citizen attempted to reach him in Barre, but he has an unlisted number.

The Citizen also attempted to trace him through the registration of the pickup, but the vehicle was registered to someone else and the Vermont Bureau of Motor Vehicles refused to divulge the name or address of that person.

Hospital personnel declined to reveal the identity of the mother, who was remarried, and calls to the state police were not returned.

Newry Planning Board hears concerns of Bear River residents

Concerned citizens from the Bear River area of Newry attended last Wednesday's session of the Newry Planning Board. They raised questions about how to proceed to control development in that area.

The Citizen reported two weeks ago the plans of a development company in Fryeburg to build up to 400 townhouses on 200 acres on both sides of the Bear River. The developers have not yet submitted their formal request for a subdivision permit to the Planning Board, however.

Newry selectmen said they will possibly be looking at a zoning ordinance to present to town meeting, which would give the town some control over housing developments.

Also at last week's Planning Board meeting, Sunday River Skiway Corporation President Les Otten reported on the progress of this season's building program at the skiway.

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SKIERS AT MT. ABRAM over the weekend were pleasantly surprised to see a man in a red suit and white whiskers coming down the slopes. He, of course, had a bagful of goodies, and a lap for youngsters to sit on as they did their last-minute Christmas wishing. Both Mt. Abram and Sunday River had lots of pre-Christmas skiers. The local area was able to boast more skiable trails than any other ski area in Maine or New Hampshire.

Special holiday hours at W. Paris town office

The West Paris town office will be closed today (Tuesday), according to Town Clerk Gwen Ellingwood, but will be open for normal hours Thursday.

Clerk Ellingwood said boat excise stickers are in and can be purchased at the town office. These stickers are required before a boater can get a state registration for his boat.

Dog licenses for 1986 are not in yet and are not expected until after Jan. 9, 1986. The state is late in sending out the license forms, the clerk said.

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Whitman Library needs furnace, selectmen told

At last Tuesday's meeting of the Woodstock Board of Selectmen, the Library Trustees presented their case for a new furnace for Whitman Library. It seems there is a hole in the fire wall of the furnace, and the oil company has informed the trustees the furnace should not be started again.

The trustees believe there should be enough in some of the library trust funds to take care of the cost of a new furnace. continued on Page Three

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O'DONNELL ELECTED HEAD OF TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOC.

Bethel attorney Michael J. O'Donnell has been elected president of the Oxford County Trial Lawyers Association for 1986. The association is composed of attorneys who specialize in the trial of both civil and criminal cases in all courts within the state of Maine. Mr. O'Donnell is a charter member.

As a former county attorney and assistant district attorney, Mr. O'Donnell has devoted most of his practice to trial work. He is a member of the Maine and American trial lawyers associations, past president of the Oxford County Bar Association and a member of the Maine and American bar associations.

He is a graduate of the University of Maine at Orono and the University of Denver College of Law, and maintains law offices on Main Street, in Bethel.

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PUC works out compromise on Contel rate hike

Local fears about a whopping Contel rate hike can be put to rest, temporarily at least, following a compromise worked out yesterday among the phone company, the Public Utilities Commission and the public advocate. Instead of the 52 percent rate increase asked for by Contel, the draft agreement grants the phone company just a 5 percent increase.

PUC staffer Beth Nagusky told The Citizen this would amount to a 35 cent increase on the monthly phone bill of a residential customer in the Bethel area, and a 75 cent increase on the monthly phone bill of a business customer in the Bethel area. "I guess we did some pretty good negotiating," she said.

Had Contel's original rate request been granted, the cost for a one-party residential service in Oxford County would have gone from \$8 per month to \$12 per month, and the cost for one-party business service would have jumped from \$15.15 per month to \$23.10 per month.

Public Advocate Joel Shiffman, who attended the Nov. 6 public hearing in Bethel on the rate increase request, commented on the compromise agreement he helped fashion: "It's a good deal."

The PUC will solicit opinions from intervenors in the rate case, Ms. Nagusky said, and will possibly hold another round of hearings.

However, she noted, the draft agreement stipulates the final decision on the rate hike will be made on or before Jan. 31, 1986. The new rates will go into effect Feb. 1.

The rate hike, as proposed, would bring an additional \$320,000 in annual revenues to the phone company, the PUC's Nagusky said.

Contel is Maine's second-largest telephone company. It serves approximately 32,000 customers in roughly 160 Maine towns and plantations.

New Year's greetings to be published Dec. 31

In case you missed getting a Christmas greeting into this week's paper, you still have time for next week.

In next week's paper, being published Tuesday, Dec. 31, The Citizen will print New Year's greeting ads from those who want to express their season greetings to the community at large.

If you have not already ordered one and would like to, call The Citizen, at 824-2444, by 5 p.m. Friday.

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Opinions

Christmas is for children

It's not just because only children believe in Santa Claus that Christmas is known as a holiday for the kids. It's also because the holiday celebrates the birth of a child.

It is children who have real faith, not just in miracles and Santa Claus, but in human beings.

It is for that reason that the story of Samantha Smith—Maine's goodwill ambassador to the Soviet Union—has special relevance at this season. (See Senator Mitchell's article below.) For Samantha, the question of peace had to do with her child's perception that people, no matter what their ideology or nationality, were basically good and preferred to live at peace than at war.

This is a much different starting point than the philosophical starting point of national leaders, who act as if they believe that people are basically bad, and if you don't go around armed to the teeth someone, or some nation, will do you in.

At this Christmas season, it is well to recall the birth, in Bethlehem, of a child who would preach that brotherhood counted for more than power. And it is well to recall the life of a child in Maine, who acted on that belief.

Nobody's Business

This is the season of the year when we are supposed to show a great benevolence toward our fellow man. Most of us can manage to do it for at least a couple of weeks in December. For many it is a real chore the other 50 weeks of the year.

"Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" roll off our tongues in a most facile manner in late December, but similar cordiality is all-too-often rare or non-existent during the balance of the annual cycle.

Why is this? Sure, we have the perfunctory "Have a good day," "How are you today," or "Good morning," expressed with all the depth of a slow moving meadow-brook during a drought stricken August. More often than these standard expressions of greeting, or whatever else might be currently "in" are only knee-jerk reactions.

We should all make an effort to preserve the "Spirit of Christmas" for all the 52 weeks of the year. All of us should endeavor to keep the spirit of humility, of service to others, of realization of our own shortcomings, and of the giving of ourselves; not just the exchange of transient, material gifts.

Much of the exchange of material items at this season of the year is only because it is "expected," not because of any great appreciation, friendliness or love.

So, at this Christmas season of 1985 let us resolve to extend the spirit of the season for the entire New Year of 1986. Let not the spirit wither away in the bleak days of January, having to await another December for its annual reawakening.

The Christmas spirit should not be like leaves of our noble maples, oaks and larches, which with life-stirring spring-budding and the beautiful fall splendor, but more akin to the pine, the spruce and the fir, an evergreen of inspiration the whole year around.

THANK YOU

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the many Bethel citizens who made the annual presentation of the Bethel Living Nativity possible.

Thanks to the Bethel Rotary Club, Bob Davis, Charles Munzner, Brian Strickland, Blake MacKay, Pete Kuzik, Sarah Stevens, The Methodist Church, Ray Harrington and the Boy Scouts, Mary Brown and chorus, Hazel Newell, Leslie Cooley and the Girl Scouts, Tim Carter, the Bethel Inn, Lions Club, Rev. Downing, Revs. Brendon and Jean Bass, all the cast and shepherds.

Brooks Morton



ANDOVER HELD ITS FIRST LIVING NATIVITY last Sunday at the Congregational Church. A large crowd turned out in the snow to watch and to sing carols.

Albany Hunt's Crow and Vicinity

By KATHY BENNETT

Christmas is but a week away but believe it or not I am quite well organized this year. Don't ask me why!

Sure is frosty this morning! Minus 10 degrees at 6 a.m.

There doesn't seem to be much news in the neighborhood today. Guess everyone is busy doing their own thing.

Margaret Barton called on her Aunt Tipple and Uncle Sandy Mitchell in Parsonsfield on Monday. She also saw her cousin Sarah and family who were home from Missouri.

Tuesday evening Franklin and Margaret Barton called on Arthur and Sarah Seavey in Conway, N.H.

A recent caller at the Wardwell Farm has been Libby Scriber.

K-D's Acres is beginning to look like Christmas. The tree goes in tonight. The boys don't approve of the tree Dad and I got—but they'll change their mind when it is decorated.

Dick and I went to Conway shopping Saturday evening.

Sunday we attended the Christmas

party at the church. Thank you so much Santa for taking the time to come and call on us.

Recent callers here have been Chris and Elton Cole and girls, Margaret Barton, Jeff Barton, Barb Inman, and Rod White. Lib Scriber went to the Maine Mall shopping on Friday.

Wednesday I worked on the Northern Cumberland Memorial Hospital Christmas Buffet.

I personally want to say a big thank you to all the people in Albany who helped make our church Christmas sale a big success. We certainly have a community to be proud of! Also thank you to all our faithful patrons, and the Masonic Lodge for letting us have the hall.

All of us here at K-D's Acres wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and happy and Wonderful New Year. God Bless.

Letters to the Editor

To the Citizens of Bethel:

On behalf of the Town of Bethel Board of Selectmen, the Town Employees, the Ambulance Service personnel and the members of the various Town boards and committees, I would like to extend a Merry Christmas and wishes for a prosperous 1986 to the citizens of Bethel and to those persons who make Bethel their home for part of the year. To me, the Holiday Season is a special time of year to give thanks for the GOOD THINGS that have happened in the community over the past year, and to thank those individuals, groups, and organizations which have done so much to make this such a fine community and area to live in, work in, and raise our families in.

Briefly, some of the community things which have occurred over the past year that we should give thanks for include:

A new community-supported ambulance building which will result in improved emergency medical service and care to the greater Bethel area;

New job opportunities for the area residents as a result of the expansion of Sunday River Ski Area, the location of a small ladies' garment plant in Bethel, and the new conference center being built by the Bethel Inn;

The improved appearance of Main Street which has resulted in a renewed pride in our Main Street area;

The Town Highway crew which has put in long hours to keep our streets open during winter storms;

A very successful Mollycoddle Day which not only raised funds for local service groups and community projects, but brought hundreds of people into Bethel;

The Police Department which has worked hard to fill in the gap left by the mandated cut-back in State and County Police services by stretching its limited resources;

And, a successful fund-raising campaign by the Bethel Area Health Center for an expanded area health care facility. With the completion of this much-needed facility, the people in the area will be able to obtain expanded and improved health care without traveling a long distance.

Unfortunately, there is not enough space to thank every individual and group which has made the Bethel area a better place to live in over the past year. But, needless to say, the community has much to give "THANKS FOR."

Rodney Lynch
Town Manager

As I see it . . .

When she was 10 years old, Samantha Smith sat down and wrote a letter to: "The Soviet Leader at the Kremlin in Moscow." Her letter to then-Premier Andropov asked, very straightforwardly, "Are you going to vote to have a war or not? If you aren't, please tell me how you are going to help to not have a war."

Here was an innocent question, posed by a bright and eager young mind. Though she was worried about the prospects of a war, and about the answers the leaders might give her about the future, she was unafraid to try to understand.

At Premier Andropov's invitation, Samantha spent two weeks in the Soviet Union in July of 1983. Her visit was a symbol of goodwill and hope between the two nations.

When Samantha Smith and her father died last August, in a plane crash in Maine, their deaths were mourned in both the United States and the Soviet Union.

Last month, President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev held their summit meeting on the subject of arms control. While all eyes were turned to their discussions, many of us also remembered the simple, personal gesture of Samantha Smith and her contribution to achieving peace.

Both leaders recognize the importance of such personal contact to stabilizing relations between our two countries. To this end, they announced plans to promote educational and cultural exchanges

between the United States and the Soviet Union. As the 18th century man of letters, Dr. Samuel Johnson, once stated, "The use of travel is that it shows the world as it is, not as we imagine it to be."

Recently, I introduced legislation, co-sponsored by Sen. Cohen, to establish a Samantha Smith Memorial Exchange Program. It is the aim of this program to establish student exchanges between the United States and the Soviet Union. Current opportunities for study between these two countries is primarily focused (both in terms of programs existing and financial aid available) on the doctoral level of study. This program would fill a great need at the undergraduate level, allowing many more students under the age of 21 to live and learn in Soviet, and American, institutions.

Last month I met with two young members of the Maine Peace Mission. Their concerns about peace are familiar ones, and ones which many youths in the Soviet Union share. An exchange program such as the one I have proposed would allow interested students from both nations to see for themselves—just as Samantha did.

Whether they spend six weeks, six months or a year at a foreign institution, the students involved would receive as much of an education outside as inside the classroom. Taking courses, going to museums and cultural events, living in dormitories with Soviet students—this is the kind of background that most effectively builds bridges of insight and understanding and genuine friendship.

—George Mitchell, U.S. Senator



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Letter to the Editor

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WHITMAN LIBRARY NEEDS

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The selectmen must authorize use of the funds.

The trustees would like some sort of base installed for the new furnace as water sometimes seeps into the basement of the library from a nearby spring. They also want a blower on the furnace to keep the cellar a little drier.

There are some reject books in the cellar occasionally put up for sale, and it would be better if these did not mildew.

The library is closed until a new furnace is found, and the trustees are going to call around to different companies to get estimates in the next couple of weeks. Selectman Ethel Davis advised the trustees to "get right on it," as the library is essential to the town. She expressed her confidence in the trustees' ability to handle the matter.

Other concerns of the selectmen include the transfer station, town reports, the proposed new town office, and the stump dump. At the transfer station, the jack is in for the phone, and electricity has been installed. The selectmen noted how prohibitive costs have become for phone service in recent years, since the old phone system was replaced.

They observed, with satisfaction, that recycling at the dump is progressing. Said Ms. Davis, "For no longer than we've been at it, we're doing pretty well."

Bids for printing the town reports are

Woodstock board denies plan for lakefront lots

The Woodstock Planning Board last Wednesday night denied a request by Darryl Brown, of Livermore Falls, to develop 12 lakefront building lots in the former Lake Christopher Campground.

On a 0-2-1 vote, the board voted against the request, noting that one of the 12 lots in the proposed Lake Christopher Pines development lacked the 100-foot frontage required by the state. Joe Stowell and Bill Riley voted against the proposal, while Jerry Hefley abstained. Chairman Milton Mills normally does not vote unless it is to break a tie.

Mr. Brown, who recently purchased the property from Don Sisson, said he would seek an opinion from the state Department of Environmental Protection on the question of minimum frontage requirements. The board members said they would be happy to talk with him again after he finished with the DEP.

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also coming in and a selection will be made soon.

Regarding the possibility of a new town office, the selectmen noted that the budget committee was considering several sites in addition to the second floor of the schoolhouse as many senior citizens might object to the stairs in that building. And the deed for the stump dump has been obtained from Sterling Mills, so improvements can begin there.

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Route 2, 12/13/85, 11:00 p.m.
Blizzard conditions for those driving that night. Of course that meant us. We were stuck at Newry Corner after returning from a bank Christmas party. My foreign car just wasn't in the mood for going any farther that night. Just as we thought a bad situation was going to get worse—HELP ARRIVED!!

A man in a state plow truck, John Gauthier (in his foreign p/u). An engine mechanic from Currier Trucking wielded a can of ether. Needless to say a few sprays here and there on this part and that got the old girl running once again. A warm and very grateful thank you goes out to the gentlemen above, who saw fit, not to let us freeze that night. You made a bad situation better. We were glad these men were on the road that night. THANK YOU AGAIN!!!
Phil & Jane Rolfe

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The selectmen have had no reaction from Stowell's on the recent special town meeting vote rejecting \$25,000 in exchange for a town road. "Maybe that's gone to sleep," noted Ms. Davis.

On the Lake Road situation, she commented, "The lawyer's working on it." But as far as she knew there had been no new developments.

The selectmen said the road commissioner will come before the Budget Committee Jan. 7, 1986, to present his needs for the coming year. They also said the Budget Committee was still working on a final proposal for the discussed change to a town manager form of government. They said the committee will present the proposal to the selectmen, who will then call a special town meeting.

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Notes from Woodstock Historical Society

Christmas Bells
I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play.
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
And thought how, as the day had come
The bellies of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
—by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

A Christmas Hymn
Love came down at Christmas
Love all lovely, Love Divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and Angels gave the sign.
Love shall be our taking,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.
—By Christina G. Rossetti

The Woodstock Museum was recently the recipient of some major acquisitions. Donald Sisson, owner of Lake Christopher Campgrounds, donated a large collection of framed, autographed pictures to the Society. At one time Lake Christopher Campgrounds was known as Birch Villa Inn. The Wieske family ran it as a music camp and brought musicians from all over the world to instruct their guests. The pictures are of some of those famous people. While some have long since faded into obscurity, others are still legendary figures. Among those we recognized who visited Bryant Pond years ago are Jascha Heifetz, the renowned violinist, Rosa Ponselle and Luisa Tetrazzini, great opera singers in their day, and Josef Hofman, a composer. Birch Villa Inn was thus a cultural oasis for Woodstock in past years. The Society is very fortunate to have this collection of pictures and also has number of views of Birch Villa in its photograph collection. Combined, they fill out an important chapter in Woodstock history.

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Young Writers

CHRISTMAS: A Place in the Heart
By Maylene Cummings, Grade 6
Agnes Gray School

Christmas isn't really a holiday, but a place in the heart!

When you're celebrating the birth of Christ be joyous in the warm feeling of family and friends close by. And keep close in mind the fact of gifts are to remember when the wise men and shepherds did so for the Christ child.

The tree lights blink while happy children rush to stockings, and they remember Christmas, a place in the heart!



Maylene Cummings

How come men can make war and not peace?
By Maylene Cummings, Grade 6
Agnes Gray School

Is it safe for future generations?
Can leaders do that at least?
Or are these large expectations?
Stop all the criticizing,
Let's negotiate!

And start realizing,
Or is it too late?
We can't bomb a whole nation
Just because of government,
And wipe out all civilization
Without coming to a settlement!
If we all band together,
(two presidents can't do it alone)
We can make the world better,
So peace could be known.

LITTLE FROG
By Maylene Cummings, Grade 6
Agnes Gray School

Little frog,
Sittin' on a log...
Where're all your friends?
Did you all go separate ends?
You had a fight?
You're in a plight?
Was it a brawl?
Did you punch them all?
Well here they come to apologize!
Isn't that a glad sight for your eyes!

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Peace is come.
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Shear Designs
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Locke Mills

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By VIVA WHITMAN

Another Wednesday has rolled around and I'm still working for Santa to get things ready for Christmas. I'm beginning to wonder if I'll make it or not. Russell seems to think his leg is some better but we went to Lewiston yesterday to stay with the girls while Wynona held the Child Health Clinic and today, his leg isn't so good. I tried to get him to lie down on Nonie's bed while we were down there and he didn't think he needed to; now he is worse again. His leg feels swollen more to him. Hope it doesn't last long.

Went to town last Friday and quite a wait at the garage before they took my car in, even though I had an appointment. I have had a gas leak fixed while ago; in fact around the middle of November and the car had started smelling again as it had been before I had that leak fixed. Sure enough, there was another leak, when they finally got around to look at it. It was snowing and as I have trouble with my muscles, I was getting nervous about driving home but thankfully, I made it alright. It is hard to drive or do anything when one is having muscle spasms, and that is what I keep having due to this fibrositis.

Felt fairly good on Sunday and did a lot of sewing and in the evening, did some baking. Made several loaves of zucchini fruit bread, also a cake for Michael's birthday which was to be Tuesday. However, the family was to come up on Monday for us to celebrate as Mike and Nonie both had to work all day on Tuesday. They came on Monday and Russell had helped me to get some vegetables peeled and ready to cook as I had to go to town for a few items. I had the roast in the oven and smelling when they came. Michael left the children with me and went back to get Nonie as he had left her at the clinic on the way up through. We had a nice lunch and I brought out the birthday cake, he said he knew that was why they were here. Anyway, he enjoyed the cake and took most of it home with him. I had the pleasure of having the girls here for a while along with their parents and we like to them all here. We weren't up to going to Grange as Russell knew he couldn't sit too long. I kept busy and out of mischief without any trouble at all.

Tuesday we had decided we would try to go to Lewiston to baby-sit and did but guess we shouldn't have as it didn't help

Russell's leg at all. He is keeping to the bed pretty much today and thinks it is more swollen. Can't win if you want and try hard, or so it seems. I haven't been much of anywhere this past week so not so much to write about.

Of course, the snow storm didn't help us any. Lawrence came down and cleared out the yard and I tried to go out and help and pulled a muscle or tendon in my leg and have to where an ace bandage on it. Don't know why some of us have to have the ability to do what we like to do best taken from us, but it happens to lots of folks and I seem to be one of them.

Forgot to say that David Yates was a good samaritan and came up on Sunday to check and make sure our water pipes were insulated and turned on, as they should be. The heat tape hadn't been turned on, as we had thought the people who insulated had done, so David got that one and wrapped the rest of the pipe that needed it. What a help to have such good neighbors, even if they are relatives. We appreciate it very much.

It is good to see the sun shining this morning and it was yesterday, also. We haven't seen to much of it lately and it looks good even when it shines in our eyes.

I have company for a few days. Courtney came home with Russell and I yesterday and she will run for me to take cold packs to Uncle Joe, as she calls Russell. She is a good helper and we always enjoy having her up.

She is hoping that Nana will get around to take her outside for a little while today and have got to try to as I promised I would if the sun shone. Just have to work a little harder to get my sewing done in time, that's all. Got her a couple of new books and a puzzle to help keep her busy. She loves books and is good at putting puzzles together. Hope she will always like books as well as now and learn well when she goes to school.

As I said, I can't seem to think of much to write about this week as I have been so busy and it takes me much longer to accomplish the jobs of sewing than it used to. I'll wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Might not have time to next week but have enjoyed hearing that folks read my foolish writing and hope I can improve in the future. Take care and have the best of holidays and have a great year in 1986. I will be here before you know it.

Locke Mills

By LORRAINE MILLS

The Greenwood Historical Society will sponsor an old time dance Tuesday evening, Dec. 31, for the purpose of seeing in the new year.

The Greenwood Fire Department and Auxiliary held its annual Christmas supper Sunday evening with 41 in attendance. Many varieties of casseroles were served along with breads and bars for dessert. Santa Claus gave out bags of goodies to the little ones. He faithfully attends every year.

Tuesday the Ladies Circle packed 23 Christmas boxes and following lunch they delivered them. It is always an enjoyable day for those involved.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Cole are spending Christmas this year with their daughter, Linda Libby, husband Jim, and the girls in Bangor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mills attended a Christmas party at the home of Pat and Ersel Murphy for members and friends of the Bethel Church of the Nazarene. This year, instead of exchanging gifts, food and gifts were given to Becki Lawrence and her family who recently lost their home in a fire. Around 32 were in attendance.

John Mills was in Norway several times this week undergoing tests at the Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Valerie Cole of Plymouth, N.H., is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cole, for the holidays. She expects to have surgery on her knee to repair an injury while she is here.

Mrs. Herbert Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swan Jr. and Todd attended the Christmas party at the Market Square Health Facility Friday, guests of Herbert Rowe. Paul and Charlotte Kimball were there visiting Elsie Brown; Danny and Joanne Cole and daughters, Lorna and Valerie, visited Lester Cole; and Margaret Davis and Lois Day visited Kimball Ames. Margery was pleased to see an old schoolmate, Earl McAllister, who was there.

Mary Mills took time off from her work at Bolsters Mills to visit her brother John Mills, Monday and Tuesday. On Monday evening they all visited their brother,

Donald Mills in Norway, and their sister, Carolyn Colby and family in West Greenwood, giving Mary the opportunity to leave Christmas gifts for their trees.

Lillian and Wilfred Noyes, Wilton, were in South Paris visiting her father, Lester Cole, Monday and they had supper with her sister, Charlotte, in Greenwood Center.

The Ladies Circle had their Christmas dinner Wednesday with 35 members and family attending. After the tree, a meeting was held and they made preparations for the Christmas Cantata. New officers were elected. Vera Cross will be president; Charlotte Cole, vice president; Marion Swan, secretary; Mary Stone, treasurer; and Edna Cole, sunshine lady. The ladies gave Margery Swan a gift of earrings in the shape of a cross with a birthstone in the middle, for her work as president the last three years. After adjourning the meeting, Christmas carols were sung. Remember there will be no meetings in January or February.

The Youth Group gave a party Thursday evening for some over 25 guests. They played games, put on a play and served refreshments. Each guest also received a gift.

Workers at the Gilbert Manufacturing plant were pleased to receive canned hams for Christmas this year from the Gilberts.

The Greenwood Fire Department was called out to a chimney fire at Greenwood City the other day. It is the season! There will be a watchnight service at the Gospel Center Tuesday evening, Dec. 31, for those who like to see the New Year in with Christian friends. A film will be shown starting at 8 p.m., with a break for food and fellowship and a very meaningful midnight candlelight testimony service. All are welcome.

Ralph Mills, Colchester, Vt., is expected home Monday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mills.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank Dr. Andelkar and Dr. Swanbeck and the nurses at Stephens Memorial Hospital for their kindness and good care during my stay in the hospital. Thanks again.

Louise Learned



DESPITE THE ZERO DEGREE TEMPERATURE, a large crowd turned out in Bryant Pond last Thursday night to light the town's Christmas tree. The tree lighting was sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Woodstock Elementary School. Richard Felt, Elden Hathaway, and Bill and Ernestine Riley played musical instruments and led the crowd in singing carols. Santa was on hand, distributing snacks donated by the Village Store.

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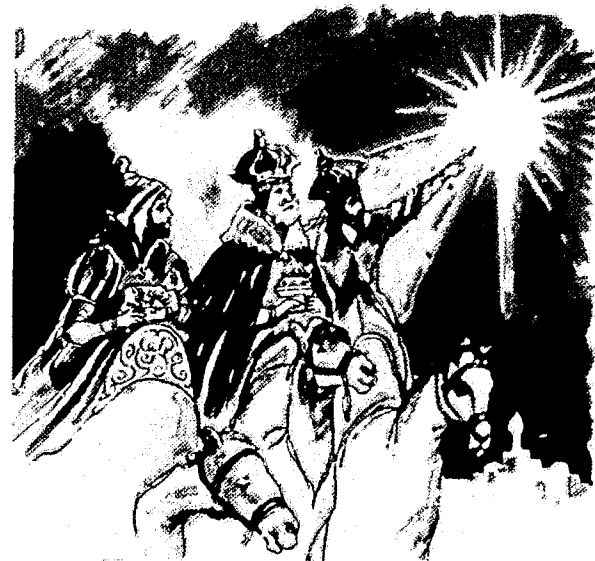
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Greenwood City

By COLISTA MORGAN

The wind merrymen and puffs with feathery softness against my window, as I write.

Yesterday, there was no wind and snow so I went to the fields. There I could see the sky so blue, as if all the impurities of the air had been refined and shrunk by winter's cold and had been winnowed away.

I stood on the first rise and looked at the mountains. Some caught the sun and the shadows, as they came and went. They looked like monsters kneeling on the earth to pray with their heads bowed. I have learned to lift up my eyes to the mountains to find quiet and peace. Also I have learned to bend with my eyes to the earth around me to note the flowers and other things at my feet. I have loitered here in all seasons and observed with accuracy the changes that come. The longer I live the more my mind dwells upon the beauty and the wonders of the earth. I have loved the feel of grass, the sound of running brooks and the hum of windmaking music in the tree tops. And on a winter day I have walked the crust, roamed among the soft drifts, inhaled the keen frosty air and involuntarily narrowed my eyes from the dazzling, glitter of the snow.

I moved from a wall to a scraggly yellow birch at the foot of which were partridge-berries among the shiny leaves.

Close by something moved. I heard rather than saw it. I looked around. Almost beside me sat a squirrel. No doubt he wondered what I was. When our eyes met he shook himself with a gesture which said, "For heaven's sake!" He puffed himself out then disappeared with the speed of lightning. He finished by winding up his clock at the top of his voice; talking to the whole universe.

I crossed the wall to the forest where all about me was the harmony of the trees. Some branches were dancing like lambs against the sky.

Turning right I came on to a trail that was once a road that went to the lower valley.

In the distance the hills were misty blue. Close at hand were the large patches of ground free from snow, revealing autumn leaves from months earlier.

Day was closing with lilac shadows drifting over the hillsides and I responded to its beauty as I traveled toward home.

Newry

By AMY HANSCOM

Louise Learned was a surgical patient at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, recently. She returned home Friday, Dec. 13.

Melvina Cummings, Madison, was a recent overnight guest of her mother, Louise Learned.

Bernard and Rena Powers called on Amy and Roger Hanscom Friday.

The Ladies Circle met Monday evening with a potluck supper and exchange of gifts. The doll was won by Amber Brooke. The next meeting will be Jan. 6 at the home of Louise Learned.

Beatrice Lowell, Eleanor Morton, Karlene Bachelder, Betsy Clark, Thelma Lowery, June Swan and Sylvia Wight were in Rumford bowling Dec. 18. Karlene Bachelder was high scorer, with Eleanor Morton close second.

Hazel Newell, Bethel, called on Amy and Roger Hanscom Thursday.

The Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club met Thursday evening, Dec. 19, at the club house for their annual Christmas party. There was a potluck supper and exchange of gifts. About 20 attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Hayes of Denver, Colo., are with his mother, Doris Hayes, for a few days.

Several from here attended the 45th anniversary party for Fred and Rena Curtis on Sunday.

Callers at the Frank Curtis' last week were Mrs. Lucy Bragg and son, Tommy, West Sumner; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hodgson, Hollis; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Goodwin, Shapleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Curtis, Local.

Rena Curtis and daughter, Evelyn, were in Brunswick on Wednesday to visit her sister, Ruth Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat DiArenzo plan to leave this week for Philadelphia for the holidays.

Our callers were Keith and Tonda Goodwin, Shapleigh; Marie Curtis, Buckfield; Evelyn Heikkinen, Mexico.

The Tuesday Club met for their Christmas tree party, and gift exchange on Dec. 17 at Fay Holt's. All members were there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Betts were in Portsmouth a few days last week.

We called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brooks, West Paris, on Monday.

Upton

By ARLINE BERNIER

Jesus was born in a manger, presumably a humble maternity ward for people who couldn't or didn't have a burden of self-pride. Since Jesus is God, he could have been born anywhere he chose.

Upton is my birthplace and I've lived in and loved it for most of my 63 years, but the lack of harmony in several aspects, but especially the church, is distressing. The annual Christmas eve program was shaken by those who were upset by the inclusion of Santa Claus. They refused to take part, even the pastor, and those who, because Santa was deleted to appease and please, would not be a part. Others have absented themselves for other reasons such as personal disagreements. Wouldn't it be nice if we could all put our grudges aside and compromise one evening a year and together tell our Savior "thank you" for humbling Himself for our benefit? Two bits He'd like that gift for his birthday observation.

Thursday, Dec. 19, at dawn the thermometer on Heritage Farm registered 16 below zero. It was colder down in the lake region of the village. Twenty-four hours later it was 28 degrees warmer and threatening snow. We now have a good foot of this natural insulation.

Roland Bernier has finished cutting in Ray's lot and brought his tractor home.

Ellie Lecomte and elves will be at the schoolhouse Tuesday afternoon to receive donations for the senior citizen baskets which will be delivered after 2 p.m. There are 15 recipients, including one in a nursing home.

Armand Lavallee was taken to the hospital in Berlin for an operation. He has returned home and Simone reports he is doing very well.

We have at last, snow which is worthy of the name. The trees are covered, giving beauty to an almost constantly grey world. The sun breaks through briefly so we know it isn't lost. The forecast is for a large storm followed by cold, typical December weather.

The Dapalitos had some fellows to work on their new satellite dish, which was not operating in mint condition.

The Bergerons attended a concert at school in which son Joseph had a part. The Jenkins Fund gifts were available at church following a brief Christmas reading.

Northwest Bethel

By CLARICE GIBSON

A week before Christmas and a cold one. It was three above zero this morning when I looked at the temperature. Didn't get too much news as I was going to call around today but had to come in to the station as the bookkeeper was sick and Cliff Howe had an appendix operation last evening. Suspect most people have been getting those last minute preparations finished.

Dr. Shaw went down to see his father in a Boston hospital Monday. His father, Dr. Jules Shaw, is recovering from a stroke and is making good progress.

Just after midnight Monday morning David and Nancy Annis had to call the fire department as a fire had started in their trailer home. They luckily had very little damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Helm of Andover came to help Leslie and Myrtle Lapham Sunday.

Lester and Ruth Butters took Guy and Vera Parker to the eye doctor in Portland Friday.

Ernest and Alberta Angevine had supper with their daughter, Judy Coolidge and family, Monday.

A surprise 40th anniversary party was given to George and Betty Gilbert at the West Bethel Grange Hall, Sunday, Dec. 8, by their sons and daughters-in-law, Randy, Mindy, and Kayce Gilbert, and Ronnie, Pauline, Justin and Amanda Gilbert. The decorations were wine and white, with a three-tiered anniversary cake made by Mindy and Pauline. The floral centerpiece was wine and white and a boutonniere for George. Sixty-six relatives and friends signed the guest book from South Portland, Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Dixfield, Watford, Albany, Mason, Bethel, and West Bethel. Shirley and Marilyn Gilbert invited George and Betty to lunch at Gorham, N.H., while the family was fixing up the hall for the surprise party. Shirley and Marilyn were the attendants at George and Betty's wedding. A buffet lunch was served to all at the Grange Hall.

Ernest and Alberta Angevine, Ruth and Lester Butters, and Leslie Lapham were at the Rotary dinner for senior citizens at the Legion Hall, Dec. 17. Lester and Ruth Butters have traded cars and went to Rumford Tuesday night.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Bethel

By LINDA CARON

Mr. and Mrs. Marc Packard of El Toro, Calif., arrived Saturday, Dec. 21, to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Elaine Packard, and sister, Mrs. David Keniston and family.

Tess Martin is spending the holidays in Kittery with her daughters, Mary Jane Painchaud and Carole Ann Sillsby.

Mary Corkum is spending the holidays in Massachusetts.

Barbara Miller is visiting in Missouri. Marjorie Cummings has gone to Florida.

Elvira Churchill has returned from an extended stay with her daughter Mrs. Ninie Krasen.

Bethel Senior Citizens gathered for their annual dinner sponsored by the Rotary Club. Jim and Jo Monahan hosted the dinner on Dec. 17 at the American Legion Hall. Music (and entertainment) was courtesy of the Teletar Music Department under the direction of Harry Davis. (Speaking from experience, I bet Harry put on a great show!)

Bethel Senior Citizens gathered at the Bethel Inn on Dec. 11 for their annual Christmas party.

There has been a rumor going around that the Carons are leaving town. Not true! We're just moving around the corner. You don't think you can get rid of us that easy, do you???

We are here to stay...for at least the next hundred years, anyway. Besides in last week's column I said we were pulling up stakes here, but I'd still be found in this column! Speaking of moving, which we all have done at one time or another...Isn't it the pits? I've got boxes everywhere...except under the Christmas tree where they should be! The house is an absolute disaster area...Ever try to type with boxes sitting just two inches away from the typewriter's carriage?? What used to be my "Gatlin Wall" is now just a plain wall. Can't even turn on the record player without moving boxes... 'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la la. Jaime is unimpressed with Santa Claus. It's "No thanks, Mom. Not this year."

She looks at Santa and the look on her face seems to say, "Who is that funny looking guy in the red suit. Do grown-ups always do strange things at Christmas?" Jaime does like all the lights. When I pick her up at the sitter's we always come down Main Street. As we come along by the fire station, the announcements come: "Alex's house, Prim's, Bank, Rick's store, big tree (at Mother's), IGA, Daddy's bank... Go home Mamma, turn on Jaime's tree! Isn't that typical two? I don't know what else could be more "two-like."

This is my favorite season of the year. The music, the lights, the giving of one's heart... It should be this way the year 'round.

We understand that the pretty sprigs of greenery with red bows placed on power poles all over town was the voluntary work of Sue and Mike O'Donnell, with help from people at The Bethel Inn and Gould Academy. What a nice Christmas gift to the town.

To wish you every happiness at this most beautiful time of seasons...

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Steer This Way

By Win Carrick

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It's easier to keep car ash trays clean if you line them with foil. Which key is which? If you have two cars by the same maker, you can tell the keys apart by color-coding them to the cars with nail polish.

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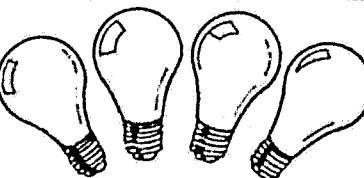
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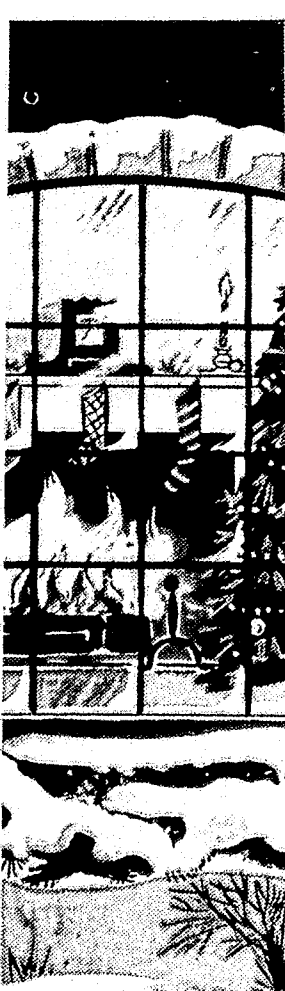
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East
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By MARJORIE JODREY

Don't forget if you are interested in being the librarian at the Andover Public Library to get your application into the library association or take it to the library.

On Tuesday afternoon the members of the Andover Public Library story hour visited Elderwood Manor tenants and passed out Christmas cards and sang Christmas carols. Those attending were, besides their leader Mrs. Anna Thurston, Liza Fyrberg, Mary Beth Flanders, David Gallant, Sadie Gallant, Samantha Lynn Hill, Stephanie Herd, Monica Smith and Adam Williamson. Members home sick with colds were Forrest Fyrberg, Kristi Pingree and Karen Thurston. They also visited me and they sang very well. It was very enjoyable and thoughtful.

Miss Robin Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Palmer, had the misfortune of fracturing her ankle while skating.

Telstar Regional High School band entertained the Andover Elementary School with a concert of Christmas music on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Mary Thurston left Tuesday to spend the week in Arundel with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Thurston and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Merryman of Sun City, Ariz., arrived Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Emerson and family.

Mrs. Rex Thurston, Mrs. Floyd Emerson Jr. and Mrs. Walter Jodrey were in Lewiston on business on Tuesday.

Mrs. Clarence Bailey is a patient in Rumford Community Hospital.

Rev. Churchill's sermon topic on Dec. 15 was "What Can We Learn From the Shepherds?" Greeters were Paula and Bill Smith. At 4:30 the Living Nativity was held on the church steps, followed by supper. There was no Youth Group meeting. Greeters on Dec. 22 were Kathy Williamson and family and on Dec. 29, Doris and Donald French will be greeters.

The Andover Senior Citizens didn't hold their Christmas meeting on Dec. 19 because of the cold weather; only 10 degrees below zero!

Boy Scout Troop #573 celebrated a "Yankee Swap" Christmas party at the elementary school on Thursday evening. Elderwood Manor Items

The Girl Scout Troop #674 visited each tenant at the Manor this week and left each one a Christmas wreath. Also visiting the tenants of the Manor this

So. Woodstock

By OLIVE DAVIS

This is Christmas. Are you remembering our feathered friends. Food is scarce outdoors. It is cold. They need suet to keep them warmer. I feed bread crumbs and oodles of sunflower seeds and other small seeds. Do you?

Friday I was surprised by visitors from Winthrop. Mr. and Mrs. Irving Cushman walked up my driveway as they were unable to drive because the yard had not been plowed. I sure was glad to see them. June walked back down the hill and brought up my mail for me. How is that for a real friend and cousin!

David Emery plowed our roads Saturday. He also plowed Vera Buck out and Jeff Campbell.

There were about eight or ten inches of snow in the two storms. We hope this miserable snow will hold up until after Christmas so the families can get together without any dangerous accidents traveling to their various places.

The Mason relatives had a Christmas gathering at South Lancaster Dec. 14 in the evening. Those attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mason and son, Jerold, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mason, and family. There were around 100 or so there.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mason held Christmas for their family at Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Grover and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mason, and Jerold Mason.

week were members of the story hour of the library. They sang Christmas Carols and distributed Christmas cards.

Mrs. Bernice Glover and Dot Elliott have returned to their apartments after being patients at Rumford Community Hospital.

Mrs. Ann Fox called on Thelma Clark at the Creative Living Center in Norway. Mrs. Louise Powell of Hale visited her mother, Mrs. Alma Hewey on Wednesday.

Mrs. Gertrude Hutchins and Florence Hall went shopping on Thursday.

Visitors this week of Mrs. Gertrude Hutchins were Mrs. Janice Roy of Rumford; Mrs. Dorothy Pace of Mexico; Mrs. Janet Martin and daughter Kaylee of Dixfield.

Norman White took Mrs. George Fraser to the doctor on Thursday and she entered Rumford Community Hospital.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE F. HOYT

Looking ahead to Jan. 2 the Woodstock Senior Citizens will meet at the Town Hall for a potluck dinner and game party in the afternoon. Each one is to bring their own silverware and an article for the games. Plates and cups will be furnished.

Debbie and Brian Millett spent Saturday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hathaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Jordon and Vance visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hathaway, Sunday. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Edith Hathaway, Ruth Dunham, Beatrice Farnum, and Alice Wardwell joined Helen Ring at her home for a dinner and Christmas tree on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Merry Christmas to everyone.

West Bethel

By HARRIETT STOWELL

Michelle Bennett was guest of honor at a surprise birthday shower on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the home of her grandmother, Harriett Stowell, with Rebecca Inman as co-hostess. Attending were Martha Gammon, Woodstock, mother of the bride-to-be; Deborah Luxton, Mabel and Diana Walker, Cathryn Lovejoy, all of West Bethel; Sue Bartlett and Melinda Wilson, Bethel; Ann Bresnahan, Locke Mills; Linda Stowell, Bryant Pond; and Bethany Ward, Bridgton. Sending gifts, but unable to attend, were Thelma Dombkowski, Bethel; Ann Mason, West Bethel; Marlene Stowell, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Wilson and Bertha Wilson, Woodstock.

Mary Ann Myers of Portland visited Frances Bennett on Thursday of last week.

The Christmas party sponsored by Pleasant Valley Grange last Saturday, Dec. 14, at the grange hall was attended by over 100 children and parents. The afternoon featured Santa Claus as the main attraction and was really enjoyed by the young and old. The children sang songs and played games before filling up on the delicious refreshments of punch and cookies.

East Stoneham

By GLADYS KILGORE

The trees were radiant after the last snowstorm. The winter scenes were lovely.

Mrs. Albert Nelson and Mrs. Bob Grant went to Melrose, Mass., Saturday to visit with their brother, Donald Files, and Mrs. Nelson's daughter and family.

Mrs. Grace Nelson went to Hiram Sunday to visit her nephew and family. Several from here attended the supper at North Waterford and Christmas party Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Plummer and little son went to Berlin one day shopping. Mike McAllister, who has been in Germany for two years of service, is home for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Nelson of Winslow were weekend visitors at his home here.

Songo Pond

By ALICE KIMBALL

Frost has surely been nipping at one's toes this week. Below zero readings were reported from many places in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Silver were Sunday night supper guests of the Dave Salways. Dave Salway was in Franklin, Mass., on Tuesday to bring Brandon home for his holiday vacation.

Mr. Wieden was making calls in this area one day this week.

Mrs. Irene Anderson has finished work at the shoe shop in Norway and is now employed at the Gamm Co. in Bethel. She is entertaining her little granddaughter, Davena from Waterford this weekend.

Mrs. Irene Haggood of South Paris was in Bethel Friday afternoon and also called on Mrs. Myra Doyen.

Christmas is not just for children. Though what fun it is to see The expressions on their faces. At their presents 'neath the tree. Everyone must join the singing If the Carols are to reach Heaven's ears, the Savior listens, And would hear the voice of each. Young or old it makes no difference, For this season is a part Of the tenderness and sweetness Belonging to each heart. How very near the stars above, When one grows not too old to love. —Grace Easley

Driving tips from MSP

The Maine State Police advise a number of steps for safer winter driving. "Reduced visibility and inadequate traction provide the most trouble for drivers during this time of year," said Col. Allan H. Weeks, chief of the Maine State Police.

Col. Weeks listed the following steps to safer winter driving:

✓ A motorist should get the feel of the road with the vehicle when starting out, or when conditions change. This is done by accelerating carefully to see if the wheels spin, or by braking gently to see if the vehicle slides. After finding the skid point, reduce speed and extend following distance accordingly.

✓ Note how the brakes operate. Water, overnight moisture, or the need for adjustment can cause slipping, grabbing brakes that can result in loss of control.

✓ Increase following distances when conditions deteriorate; pump the brakes to slow or stop; use snow tires with good treads; and keep the windshield and windows clear.

"In the event an unavoidable accident does occur, motorist and passenger(s) will be safer from injury if safety belts and harnesses provided for extra protection are used," the state police chief said.

SNOWMOBILE MEETING JAN. 2

The western region informational meeting for the month of January will be Thursday, Jan. 2, 1986, at 7 p.m., in the American Legion hall in Fryeburg. Host for the meeting will be the Interstate Snowmobile Club.

A free supper will be available before the meeting. The supper will be at 6 p.m. Those planning to attend the supper, should contact June Hammond, president of the Interstate Sno-Goers, at 935-3653, before Dec. 27. This will give them some idea of how much food to prepare.

Moderator for the meeting will be Al Critchett, regional executive director of the western region. Speakers will be Jud Roberts, Maine Snowmobile Association; Neil Fox, MSA legislative committee; and Scott Ramsay, snowmobile division, Bureau of Parks & Recreation.

This meeting is co-sponsored by the Maine Snowmobile Association and the snowmobile division, Bureau of Parks & Recreation, and is open to the public.

SOUTH PARIS DAIRY FARMER ELECTED TO ASC COMMITTEE

Sidney E. Record, of South Paris, was recently named to the Oxford County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee by delegates to the ASC convention. The convention was held Dec. 12 at the agricultural service center, in South Paris, and was attended by nine of the possible 15 farm-elected delegates. Mr. Record, a dairy farmer, was elected as a committee member for a three-year term.

The delegates also elected Robert Allen, of Hebron, as first alternate to the committee, and Marlin Thurston, of West Peru, as second alternate. The alternates are elected for one-year terms.

Mr. Record joins Charles Fillebrown and Lester Bailey to complete the three-person committee. Mr. Fillebrown, of Waterford, was elected at last year's convention.

Convention delegates elected Mr. Bailey as chairman of the committee for the coming year, beginning Jan. 1, 1986, and Mr. Record as vice-chairman.

The county ASC committee is responsible for the local administration of various federal farm programs, such as the Agricultural Conservation Program, Forestry Incentive Program, Wool Incentive Program, Production Adjustment Program and others.

PVT. GAUVIN COMPLETES INFANTRY TRAINING

Army Private Richard J. Gauvin, son of Rose J. Gallant of Rumford and Aurele Gauvin of Andover, has completed one station unit training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. OSUT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. Completion of this course qualifies the soldier as a light-weapons infantryman and as an indirect-fire crewman. Soldiers were taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

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Charles Fillebrown complete the three-yr. Fillebrown, of Bethel, of the year's.

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THIS WEEK AT THE Moses Mason House

All members and friends of the Bethel Historical Society are reminded that the annual "So You Think You Know Bethel" contest will be the feature of the monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, Jan. 2, 1986, in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House beginning at 7:30 p.m. Once again the champion team of Don Brown and Rolly Chapman will face worthy opponents Merton Brown and Cathy Newell in answering questions related to Bethel. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

The 1985 Endowment Campaign is nearing the 90 percent of goal mark and needs the usual last minute surge to put it over the \$7,500 mark. Anyone who has not done so and wishes to assist the Society with a tax deductible contribution should send it before the end of the year to count toward meeting this year's goal. Recent contributors include E. Louise Lincoln, John and Fumi Head, Bethel; Carlton and Mary Champe, Rumford Center; Donald and Constance Vautour, Weston, Mass., in memory of Ruth Wilkinson. So far 269 individuals and businesses have contributed to the 1985 campaign.

Genealogists and other researchers may be interested in learning that the Society has recently acquired two volumes of interest. One is the History of Bethel, New Hampshire (published in 1885), which contains family background on many of Bethel's early settlers, including the Masons and Twitchells. The other book is Everett S. Stackpole's Old Kittery and Her Families, which also includes data on early Bethel families. Anyone interested in using these books as well as any other of the extensive historical resources of the Society is invited to do so weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A century ago, according to the Oxford Democrat, Christmas was observed at the Methodist Church in Bethel with "recitations by the children" and the "distribution of gifts from the heavily laden trees." The Congregational "sabbath schools" recorded the Democrat for Dec. 29, 1885 "united in a Christmas Festival at the First Church" which was "tastefully decorated, an imitation show house, in a bower of evergreens covered six little girls who distributed the many and valuable presents." The children's names were called by Rev. D.W. Harding and Judge Enoch Foster. The Oxford Advertiser for Jan. 1, 1886 recorded the following Christmas event: "A

16 killed on state roads

November found Maine suffering 16 people killed on streets and highways. All were single-fatality accidents. Alcohol was involved in nine of the deaths.

The Maine Highway Safety Committee report also showed that the total number of people killed for the year in highway crashes as of the end of last month was 193, which compares favorably with last year's 214 for the same period. The five-year average for the period is 203.

All the deaths in November resulted from auto or truck crashes. Only one of those killed was wearing a seatbelt.

The acting chairman of the committee, Commissioner Arthur A. Stilphen, of the Maine Department of Public Safety, commented: "Dec. 15 to 21 [was] National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week, and Governor Brennan issued a proclamation declaring Maine's participation."

"I hope Maine citizens [joined] in observing this week by not driving after drinking too much, which will reduce highway fatalities substantially."

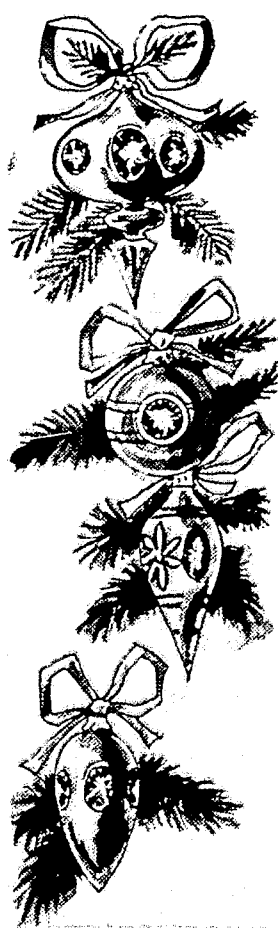
"I also hope they will extend that behavior through the coming holidays to make our highways safer for the thousands who will be traveling to and from family gatherings. And, I hope they will all remember that safety belts are their only defense if an accident does occur, increasing their chances of staying alive by at least 50 percent."

neighborhood Christmas tree at Mr. Tilson Burke's Friday evening (Christmas Day) was a very enjoyable affair. Some fifty gathered to give and receive presents. A large tree was loaded with gifts and piles on tables and lines stretched for the purpose made many hearts glad. Mr. and Mrs. Burke gave an oyster supper and received their guests very cordially. The presents were distributed by Fred Clark our ex-barber farmer and Cina Kendall our famous school teacher and the choice remarks and pleasant repartee of the two as they handed the coveted prizes kept the house in a roar of laughter and added much to the pleasure of the occasion. The party broke up between 1 & 2 o'clock everyone thanking Mr. and Mrs. Burke for their kind reception."

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By MYRA FOSTER

Mrs. Floribel Haines, Mrs. Peggy Coolidge and Mrs. Agnes Haines attended the dinner on Dec. 17 given by the Rotary Club for the Bethel Senior Citizens at the Legion Hall in Bethel.

Mrs. Robert Hastings and daughter, Mrs. Al Bancroft, of Paris Hill were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Gamble, Jr. in Hanover, N.H., Dec. 17. Clayton Bartlett of Kennebunk was a visitor at the Bartlett homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Lanther of Bucksport visited Mr. and Mrs. Chester Harrington December 15. Mrs. Carl Hallman of Durham visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Harrington, last Wednesday.

Mrs. Leonard Tyler returned home last Wednesday from Maine Medical Center, Portland. She is feeling as well as expected.

Gordon Crockett and Jarrod; Dan Long; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith, Nick and Dan visited Albert Foster this past week.

John Foster of Andover took Myra Foster to Norway on Dec. 17 for a doctor's appointment. All is coming along well, thank you.

Mrs. Myra Foster will spend Christmas with Mrs. Josephine Tyler in Dixfield.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foster and son David of Andover visited Myra Foster Thursday.

Mrs. Richard Stearns of Rumford Corner and Mrs. Myra Foster visited Walter Hamlin in South Waterford Thursday. Mrs. Stearns took Mrs. Foster shopping in Rumford Friday.

WEST BETHEL Children's Center

The staff of the West Bethel Children's Center wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

The children had a wonderful Christmas party, complete with a very authentic Santa. Children sang traditional Christmas carols, and who to their wondering eyes should appear but St. Nick himself. Santa presented gifts to the entire group, including teachers. Santa then visited with the children, who had many questions about life at the North Pole, reindeer, and Mrs. Claus.

Children also enjoyed the animated story of the "Snowman," courtesy of Bethel's "41 Video" store.

Many people helped make the party a success with their donations. They included Prim's Pharmacy, for wrapping paper and bags; senior citizens, for beautiful mittens; Bob's Corner Store, for candy canes; and the jolly man with the beard and his wife—Bob and Jane Grover.

Also helping out: Sandra Russo for delicious cookies and chocolates, Monica Mann for note pads, and Nancy Howe for all her shopping. Patricia Kitchen, Jenny Walker's grandmother, made a sweater for the recent food, craft and raffle sale put on the parent group. The winner of the sweater was Wanda Ryserson, of Bethel. The group raised \$186.90.

The Children's Center staff appreciates the volunteer efforts in classroom, kitchen and driving. Thanks go to Lillian Brooks, Debbie Perry, Kathy Sweetser, Donna DiBenedetto, Nancy Howe, Monica Mann and Jane

Conference planned for unemployed workers

Cooperating agencies in western Maine are planning conferences for unemployed workers in the South Paris and Rumford areas next month, according to a spokeswoman for Oxford County Community Services, host agency for the half-day sessions.

The conferences were initiated by com-

Chandler.

The center currently has openings in the day care program. Call 836-3700, if interested.

The center will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Menu—Week of Dec. 30-Jan. 3:

Monday: Breakfast—Milk, Granola, apple juice, apricots; Lunch—Tuna fish on whole wheat bread, tomato soup, pear slices.

Tuesday: Breakfast—Milk, Cream of Wheat with raisins, orange juice, apple muffins; Lunch—Milk, bean soup, grilled cheese on whole wheat bread, steamed cauliflower, peach slices.

Wednesday: Center closed, New Year's Day.

Thursday: Milk, bagels, cream cheese, apple juice; Lunch—Milk, chicken enchiladas, corn bread, broccoli, bananas.

Friday: Breakfast—Milk, banana pancakes, yogurt with vanilla, orange sections; Lunch—Milk, baked fish, tomato slices, green beans, rolls, fruit salad.

munity agencies amid reports of layoffs at Boise Cascade, the closing of A.C. Lawrence Leather Co., in Paris, and Stowell's Wood Products, in Bryant Pond, and the many seasonal layoffs that workers experience in some local industries.

The January conferences will include small group discussions of community resources available to the newly unemployed, how to pay the bills, educational opportunities for job re-training, and support groups available.

Cooperating agencies are the Maine Job Service, Mountain Valley Employment and Training, the Maine Department of Education and Oxford County Community Services.

The Oxford Hills conference will be held Jan. 21 at the Southern Oxford County Vocational Region 11 in Norway, at 10 Stevens St., from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Rumford area conference will be held Jan. 28 at the VFW hall, on Waldo Street, in Rumford, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Participants will include Chick O'Leary, president of the Maine AFL/CIO, Kay Hawkins, employment counselor with Mountain Valley Training, and Bob Valencourt, with the Maine Job Service.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served, and there will be appropriate entertainment led by Ken Cox, with a focus on the special issues faced by the newly unemployed. Workers are urged to note the date convenient for them and plan to attend.

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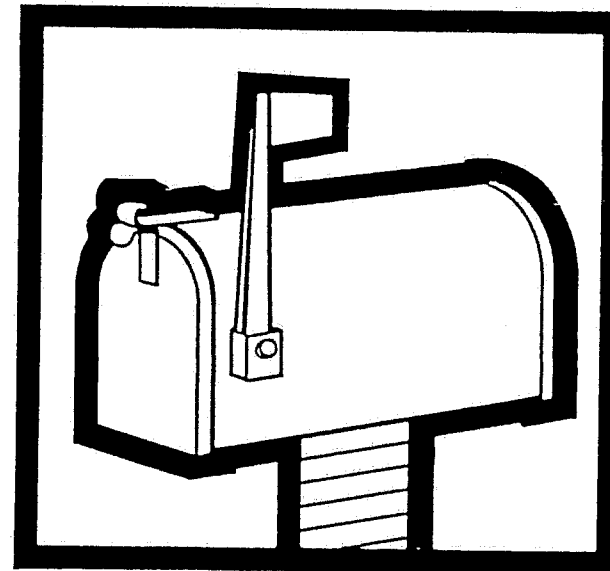
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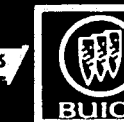
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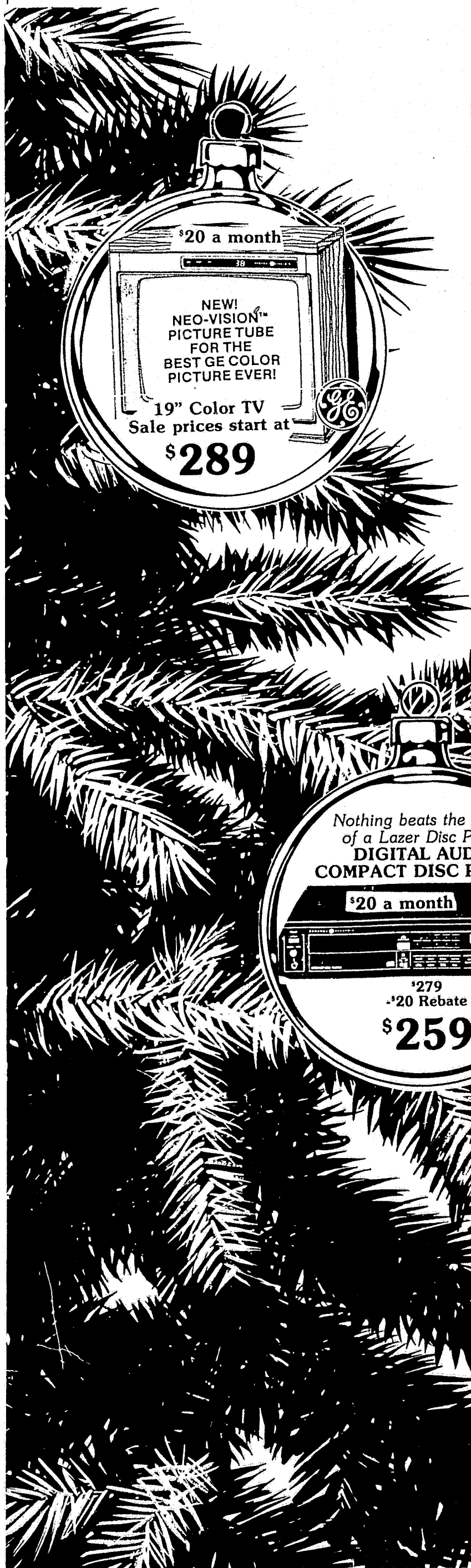
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FRANKLIN GRANGE #124

Franklin Grange #124 held their Christmas party Monday night, Dec. 11, with 29 in attendance. There were visitors from Oxford, Mystic Valley and Winthrop Grange from New Hampshire. The Grange voted to donate to the Opportunity Farm. The new programs were passed out to all for 1986.

Alice Hoyt brought her artificial tree for the grange, which was appreciated. There are members who are allergic to real trees.

The program was opened by singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," and then a candlelight service by Alice Hoyt, Larry Billings, Richard Felt, Lettie Brooks, Joyce Hoyt and Jeanne Vancour. Lettie Brooks read a take-off on "The Night Before Christmas." A few facts were given on other country's contributions to celebrating Christmas. A roll call for all, "What Small Gift Would You Want for Christmas?" Health had the most answers. Harry Boyer rendered two solos with Dot Canwell at the piano. The gifts were passed around while members were seated in a circle. Then you kept what you had unless it was for the wrong gender. If it was, the members swapped until they were matched up and then all opened gifts. The closing thought was read by the lecturer. Christmas goodies were enjoyed.

This past week Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brooks and Olive Davis presented Elizabeth Russ with her 75-year certificate for continuous membership in Franklin Grange.

At the grange Carl Brooks received his 60th and Beatrice Farnum her 55th seals to be placed on the 50th certificate. The Worthy Master, Richard Felt, presented them at the altar. The grange also had a 55-year for Harry Poland, who has just passed away, and another for Everett Howe and one for Richard Felt.

Sick members reported were Evelyn Barnett, Bertha Witham, Russell Yates, Franklin Grange; Kitty Davis, Oxford Grange.

Twenty Franklin Grange members attended as well as nine visiting members.



Robert Caron and Tammy Lee Dunham

CARON - DUNHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Dunham of Locke Mills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tammy Lee to Robert R. Caron of Lewiston.

Miss Dunham is a 1981 graduate of Telstar Regional High School and received her bachelor of science degree in special education at the University of Maine at Farmington. She is currently a teacher at the Elm Street School in Mechanic Falls.

Mr. Caron is a 1979 graduate of St. Dominics Regional High School in Lewiston and received his bachelor of science degree in history at the University of Maine in Farmington.

A Dec. 28 wedding is planned.

SENIOR CITIZEN MENUS

Monday, Dec. 30: Chicken chow mein, rice, Chinese noodles, carrots, purple plums.

Tuesday, Dec. 31: Beef stew, cheese wedge, biscuit, applesauce, spice cookie.

Thursday, Jan. 2: Cheeseburger on a bun, oven browned potato, broccoli, fresh fruit.

Tri-Town Rescue

Tri-Town wishes everyone the very best Christmas holiday ever.

Chris Hefley presented an interesting skit last Wednesday at the training meeting which clearly indicated the importance of correctly filling out a run form. The mock court of law ruled that what was not written on the run form, a legal form, didn't happen. It made Tri-Town members more aware of their responsibility on that piece of paper.

New run forms will be instituted Jan. 1, 1986. Anything occurring after midnight on New Year's Eve will require the new form. Members discussed the changes at Wednesday's meeting.

Safety Tip of the Week

Christmas and New Year's are festive occasions and a time to pause and reflect on the past year's activities.

Many people, both young and old, enjoy celebrating with a few drinks. It is easy to keep the glasses filled at a party, encouraging more drinking. And if the memories weren't so good, a few drinks might grow into several.

The best thing you might do on New Year's Eve is to hide the car keys of a person unable to drive home as they are too drunk. At parties a designated driver in the group keeps sober, to drive the other friend home.

Lewiston has started a Taxis Taxi service for participating bars to send a drunk home by taxi at no charge to the individual. The bar and restaurant owner certainly won't be held liable in those situations when the drunk arrives home safely.

Let's have everyone remember the motto of the Project Graduation groups in the area as it is a good one. "Friends don't let friends drive drunk."

Tri-Town wants everyone to have a safe holiday season with no car accidents due to needless driving while under the influence of either drugs or alcohol.

CHURCH NEWS

Locke Mills Union Church
Silver Leaman, Interim Pastor
Margaret Ring & Arnold Jordan
Co-Head Trustees

Mrs. Richard Melville
Organist and Choir Director
Bruce Swan
Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., Worship.
10:30 a.m., Sunday School (October-May).
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., T.O.P.S.

Second Wednesdays, Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
Third Wednesdays, Ladies Circle 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Choir practice at the home of Beverly Melville.

Pleasant Valley Bible Church
Flat Road, West Bethel
Rev. Larry Bresnahan, Pastor
836-2828

Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m. Ages 3 to adult.
Morning worship, 10 a.m. Babysitting for children through age 5. Guest speaker each week.

Wednesday: 7 p.m., Prayer Meeting.
Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Those needing information or rides to church activities, please call Maureen at 824-2949.

Newry Community Church
Newry, Maine
Rodney Hanson, Pastor
Nancy Hanson, Organist

Sunday Morning Worship, 9:00 a.m. with special service for children.

Bryant Pond Baptist Church
Linwood Hanson, Pastor

Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School.
10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
6:00 p.m. Evening Service.

Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Church School.
K-Gr. 2, 2:30-4:00; Gr. 3-12, 6:00-8:00.

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Andover

Rev. E. Marquette Churchill
Phone: Church 352-4878; Parsonage 352-3081
Organist and Choir Director, Linda B. Dyer
Sunday School Superintendents

Margaret Richardson and Sonja Flanders
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School.

Ladies Aid—Every other Tuesday at noon.
C.E.B.
Friday: Adult choir practice, 7 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church
Route 5, Andover, Maine
Donald Grover, Pastor
Mrs. Edna White, Pianist
Helen Grover, Choir Director
Marjorie Stinson
Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Service, 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Prayer and Praise, 7:30 at the church.
Choir Rehearsal, 8:30.

Rumford Area Bible Speaks
Pastor Bob Colby
Route 222, Rumford Corner
359-9373

Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Worship Service.
8 p.m. Evening Service.

Tuesday: 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study at Pastor Knight's home.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. Fellowship supper at the church.
Friday: 7 p.m. Video Bible Institute classes at church.

Bolster's Mills
United Methodist Church
David W. Helms, Pastor
Family Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 10:00 a.m.

South Waterford
United Methodist Church
David W. Helms, Pastor
Family Worship, 9:30 a.m.

OXFORD COUNTY UNITED PARISH
Rev. Nancy Taylor
East Stoneham
Congregational Church
9:00 a.m. Worship Service

North Waterford
Congregational Church
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Bethel United Methodist Church

Rev. Guy R. Downing, Pastor
Tel. 824-2010

Administrative Board Chairman,
Richard Stevens
Christian Education Chairperson,
Sally Downing

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School.
10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
UMW—first Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m.

Anyone needing prayers of church members or knowing of someone in need please call Mrs. Burton Abbott, Mrs. Wallace Saunders or Mrs. Randall Stevens.

West Parish Congregational
United Church of Christ
Church St., Bethel
Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass
Co-Pastors

Miss Mary Valentine, Minister of Music

Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery care provided.

Wednesday: Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pilgrim Fellowship, 9:30 p.m.; Choir, 5:30 p.m.

Clothing Depot: Call 824-2653 or 824-2193 for assistance.

Bethel Gospel Center
of Christian & Missionary Alliance
Rte. 26, Bethel
D.N. Larson, Pastor

Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m. 13 year olds through adults.

Babysitting for all children under 5 years during Church.

Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene
Church Street
Rev. R. Elwood Negley
Tel. 824-2505

Sunday: Sunday School (for all ages including adults), 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m., at Murphy's.

For information or transportation to any service call 836-3936.

Unitarian-Universalist Church
Bryant Pond
Services first Sunday of every month. For complete list of guest speakers write to Emily Ecker, Clerk, Unitarian Church, Bryant Pond, Maine.

Christian Science Services
In all Christian Science Churches, the Lesson-Sermon read from the desk is the same. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Sunday, Dec. 29: Subject—Christian Science. Golden Text: Psalms 118:19—Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.

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Rte. 26, Bethel
Rev. Donald R. Proulx
Saturday, 4:30 Anticipated Mass

St. Catherine of Sienna
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Rev. Donald Proulx
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Sunday Masses, 9 and 11:15 a.m.

West Bethel Union Church
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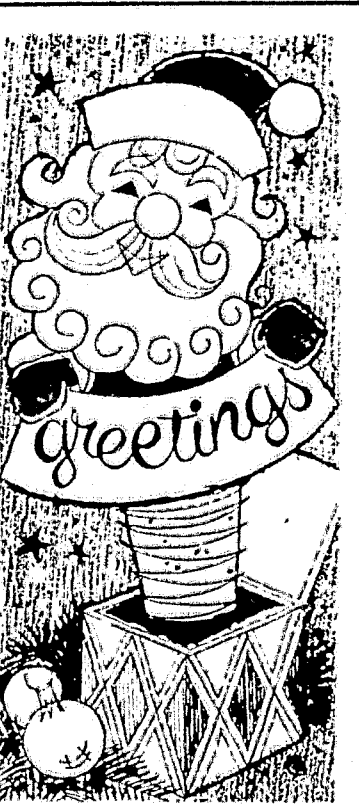
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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertisement for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

P-9421-000
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION
Notice of Application Filed
with the Commission
(December 13, 1985)

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. Type of application: Exemption (SMW or Less)

b. Project No.: 9421-000

c. Date Filed: August 26, 1985

d. Applicant: Dale R. Davis

e. Name of Project: Gardner Brook Project

f. Location: Gardner Brook in Oxford County, Maine

g. Filed Pursuant to: Section 408 of the Energy Security Act of 1980, 16 U.S.C. §§ 2705 and 2706 as amended

h. Contact Person: Mr. Dale R. Davis

Star Route Box 270
Bethel, ME 04217

i. Comment Date: January 27, 1986

j. Description of Project: The proposed project would consist of: (1) an existing 14-foot-high, 100-foot-long concrete, earth, and log dam; (2) a reservoir with a surface area of 10 acres, a gross storage capacity of 40 acre-feet, and a normal water surface elevation of 1,020 feet m.s.l. with; (3) existing 20-inch-hydraulic penstocks; (4) a new concrete intake structure; (5) a new PVC penstock with a diameter of 1.0 foot and a length of 3,700 feet; (6) a new concrete and wood powerhouse containing one generating unit with a capacity of 60 kW; (7) a new underground transmission line, 4,000 feet long; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The Applicant estimates the average annual generating would be 216,000 kWh. The existing dam is owned by the International Paper Company, Augusta, Maine.

k. Purpose of Project: Project power would be sold to the Central Maine Power Company.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A3, A9, B, C and D3a.

m. Purpose of Exemption: An exemption, if issued, gives the Exemptee priority of control, development, and operation of the project under the terms of the exemption from licensing, and protects the Exemptee from permit or license applications that would seek to take or develop the project.

A3. Development Application—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified comment date for the particular application, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. Applications for preliminary permit will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A9. Notice of Intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either (1) a preliminary permit application or (2) a



THESE BOYS IN MRS. BROWN'S KINDERGARTEN class at Legion Memorial School, in West Paris, show off the gifts they exchanged with one another during class last week.

State lists jobs available

The following are job openings listed at the Maine Job Service for northern Oxford and Franklin counties:

Land surveying crew chief, waiter/waitress, houseman, buspersons, storehouse clerk, auto parts salesperson, route service person, secretary, recruiter aide, short order cook, cook, paramedic, physical therapist, chief radiologic technician, registered nurse, office worker, estimator, interior painter.

Also, construction electrician, chopper/skidder operator, crafter coordinator, loom fixer, sidewall stitchee, sewing machine operator, hand spinner, offset press operator, auto mechanic, woodworking shop hand, four-color stripper, multi-color pressman, tractor trailer truck driver, class II truck driver, dairy farm worker, appliance repairer, kitchen helper, carpet installer.

For more information on these and other job openings, contact your Job Service office, at 35 Congress St., Rumford.

Bethel Library notes

Students, the next time you are doing a report for school, or need to do special research, come take a look at the Bethel Library's new reference section located upstairs next to the encyclopedias. It includes dictionaries in French, German and Spanish, the new World Almanac and Guinness Book of World Records and resource books on art, music and literature. Reference books may not be taken from the library, but all library patrons are invited to use the new volumes for research.

New books at the library this month: Mickey Mantle, The Mick; Garrison

Keillor, Lake Wobegon Days; Bob Hope, Confessions of a Hooker; John Fowles, A Maggot; James Michener, Texas; Danielle Steel, Secrets; Chuck Yeager, Chuck Yeager: An Autobiography; Irving Stone, Depths of Glory; and Charles Kuralt, On the Road with Charles Kuralt.

Special note to parents: There will be no pre-school story hour on Thursday, Dec. 26.

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in S.A.D. #44.

Applications available at the Superintendent's office, located at Telstar High School.

Deadline: Jan. 3, 1986 E.O.E.

Glad Tidings of Joy to everyone

Korhonen Farm

Flat Road, West Bethel

Kenneth F. Plumb

Secretary

North Paris

By EVELINE B. VATCHER

A very Merry Christmas to everybody and may you all enjoy many more.

AIC Robert Isley and his wife are spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Isley. A buddy from the Air Force base came also. A rabbit hunt with Joe Vatcher and his dogs netted Bob a hare.

We have new gentleman resident in our midst. He is Elliott Brackett Lyons, born Friday, Dec. 13, to David and Susan Lyons, and weighed 7 lbs. 13 ozs. Congratulations neighbors. Susan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bunton of Medford, Mass., are here to help Susan for several days.

Bruce Wishart brought oxygen to Eveline Tuesday and Harry Childs from Stephens Memorial Hospital came Wednesday for his monthly check up of the oxygen and Eveline.

Harlan Abbott and Joe Vatcher were the only crew members of the Molycock Snowmobile Club to show up on Sunday Dec. 15 to mark and work on the trail across Mr. Emery's and Mr. Reidy's land to the Trask farm.

Callers at Lawrences: Barbie Knightly, Patty Bean, Joe Vatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lawrence, Arlene Ellis, Arlene Abbott, Odell Heath.

Arnold Coffin is gaining a bit after a hard week.

Magalloway

By ALICE HARVEY

A Christmas party was held at Wilson's Mills Hall on Saturday evening, with a good attendance. A buffet supper was enjoyed after which games were played and cards were sung with Beverly Cameron at the piano.

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EMILY A. LANE

Emily A. Lane of Newry died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1985, at the Ledgeview Memorial Home, West Paris.

Born at Portage, Prince Edward Island, June 26, 1899, she was the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Bigger Enman. She attended schools in Shelburne, N.H., and Upton. She married Lester Lane on Sept. 15, 1918. Mr. Lane died on April 15, 1966. Mrs. Lane was a homemaker and had lived in Newry for over 50 years.

Survivors include her son, Earl Lane of Newry; two daughters, Mrs. Glenys Bartholomew of Newry, and Mrs. Elizabeth Gameau of Augusta, Ga.; 22 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be conducted in the spring at the Upton Cemetery.

MIKE BROWN ELECTED HEAD OF RUMFORD HOSPITAL BOARD

Leland (Mike) Brown has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of Rumford Community Hospital.

Mr. Brown has been employed by Boise Cascade's Rumford mill for 36 years and currently serves as office manager of the woods department.

Mr. Brown was born and raised in Bethel, where he graduated from Gould Academy prior to attending Northeastern School of Accounting. Always active in civic affairs, he has served as southern Maine chapter chairman for the March of Dimes for the past 16 years. He is past president of the Oxford County Shrine and a member of the Kora Temple. He has also served as an officer of the state board of the National Association of Accountants, is past chairman of the Oxford County Republican Committee, and has served a number of years as a Bethel selectman, serving three terms as board chairman.

Mr. Brown has been a member of the board of trustees of Rumford Community Hospital for 16 years, most recently completing six years as first vice president.

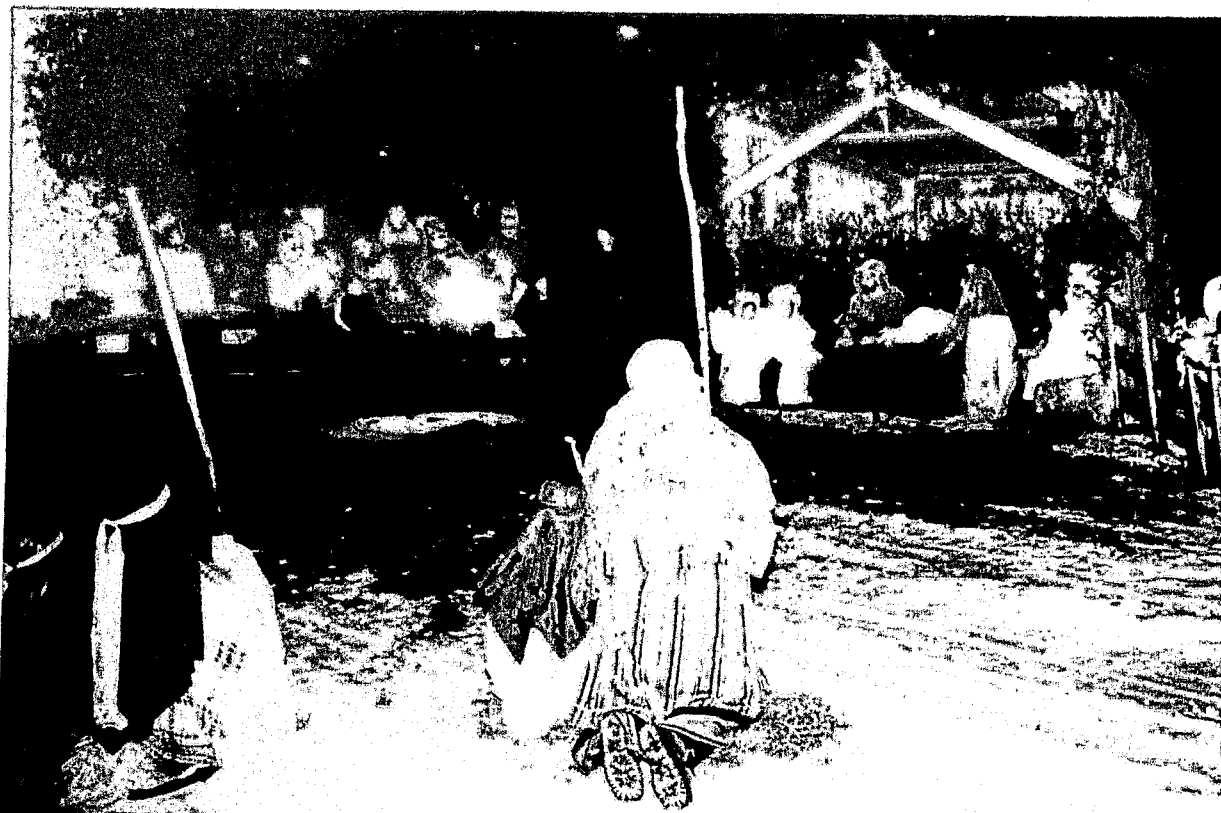
A resident of Bethel, he and his wife, Barbara, have two children, Karen, a Boise employee, and Jeffrey, manager of a creamery company in Springfield, Mass.

BORN

Dec. 13, to David and Susan Lyons of North Paris, a son Elliott Brackett Lyons.

DIED

In West Paris, Dec. 21, Mrs. Emily A. Lane of Newry, aged 86 years.



THE ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY was held on the Bethel Common Sunday evening, under the direction of Brooks Morton. Large crowds turned out for the two performances. Taking part in the tableau were: David, Roberta and Sheena Hunt (the Holy Family), Amanda Gilbert, Jenny Mae Wheeler, Katrina Chapman, Betsy Kuzyk (angels), Charles Munzner, John Gilman, Matt Brooks (wisemen), Rev. Larry Breshnehan (narrator).

Adult Ed hosting comet-watching evening, Jan. 7

SAD #44 Adult and Community Education is offering a "Once in a Lifetime Voyage with a Comet"—a 2½-hour evening program on Halley's comet on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1986, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. (Alternate date in case of cloudiness is Thursday, Jan. 9.)

The early portion of the program will be devoted to an explanation of what a comet is, where it comes from, how it behaves, some comet history, and why scientists are so eager to obtain more information about these legendary celestial "snowballs."

The latter portion of the program will be devoted to locating and observing Halley's comet.

If binoculars are available to participants, they should definitely bring them to the program.

Star charts of Halley's plotted path

among the stars will be made available to all participants.

The instructor for this program will be Lawrence A. Arsenault, of the Telstar Science Department. A portion of Mr. Arsenault's Goddard Space Flight Center training in July 1985 was in cometary science.

To register for this Halley's comet program, call Merrill Bittner at the Adult and Community Education office, 824-2780.

HANOVER HOME LOST TO FIRE SATURDAY AFTERNOON

An afternoon blaze last Saturday destroyed the home of Arthur Cyr and family on Route 2 in Hanover.

Two engines and a tanker from the Rumford Fire Department responded to the 1:30 p.m. fire with Deputy Chief Arthur Boivin in charge.

The blaze started in a chimney and spread. Mr. Cyr was at work at the time but his wife and baby were at home,

HONOR ROLL LISTED AT WES

Here is the first quarter honor roll for Woodstock Elementary School:

Grade 4: all A's—William Chase, Kelsey Cross; A's and B's—Jaimee Bolio, Teresa Curtis, Sean Gilson, Chris Harlow, Chris Howe, Ben Hoyt, Sharon Kangas, Tracy Reavis, Diane Russell, Kristi Silver, Penny Taylor.

Grade 5: all A's—Nathan Richards, Kirk Thornton; A's and B's—Devon Benson, Cory Campbell, Stacy House, Betsy Johnson.

Grade 6: all A's—Casey Swan, Dawn Davis; A's and B's—Keith Manjourides, Tony MacKillop, Robert Hand, Bruce Farrar, Sarah Hebert, Troy Wing.

escaping without injury.

The one and a half story, wood-frame structure was considered by authorities to be a total loss. It was estimated that there about \$25,000 damage to the structure and \$10,000 to the contents. All was covered by insurance. The building was gutted with only the walls left standing.



A couple of chilly angels, followed by the Holy Family, leave the manger at the close of Bethel's living nativity, Sunday evening.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN CADET POSTER CONTEST

The first week of December was designated Alcohol Awareness Week by the governor, and CADET sponsored a poster contest among the school district's 4th, 5th and 6th graders for the occasion.

It was no easy matter to select winners from so many creative posters. The winners finally selected were: Dawn Seames, grade 4, Crescent Park; Joshua Otten, grade 4, Crescent Park; Thomas Morton, grade 6, Andover Elementary; Todd Snyder, grade 6, Andover Elementary; Dawn Davis, grade 6, Woodstock Elementary; and Keith Manjourides, grade 6, Woodstock Elementary.

CADET wants to thank all those who participated, as well as the judges. The posters are on display at the Bethel town office, W. J. Wheeler Ins., Prim's Pharmacy, Edelweiss, Charlie's Place, Brooks Bros., the Barn Motel and Citizen Press.

Community Calendar

Services, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve: Pleasant Valley Bible Church, Flat Road, West Bethel, 7 p.m.; West Parish Congregational Church, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 31: Bethel Rotary Club, Sudbury Inn, 12 noon.

Tuesday, Dec. 31, Watchnight Service: Bethel Gospel Center, Route 26. Starts with a film at 8 p.m.

REACH — Sexual Abuse Helpline, 743-9777. Serving victims of sexual abuse—past or present. 24 hour service in Oxford County.

Second Saturday of Each Month: Woodstock Historical Society, 7 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

First Thursday of Each Month: Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday of Each Month: Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

Third Friday of Each Month: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Cancer Support Group for patients, family or friends who are coping with a diagnosis of cancer. Second Tuesday — 2:30 p.m.; and Fourth Tuesday — 7:30 p.m. in the Health Education Department at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Martha Farrington, R.N., facilitator — 743-5933, ext. 489.

First Tuesday of each month: 7 p.m., in the Health Education Dept., of Stephens Memorial Hospital. "I Choose Not to Smoke" support group for smokers who have or want to stop smoking. Martha Farrington, R.N., facilitator — 743-5933, ext. 489.

Second and fourth Tuesday of Each Month: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, social hour 6:30 p.m.

Ginger Kelly, of Maine Street Realty, in Bethel, is the volunteer coordinator for the Community Calendar and will accept items to be listed by mail, phone (824-2114), or in person at her office on Main Street, Bethel (opposite the Bethel House).

TOWN OFFICE CLOSING EARLY

The Bethel town office will close at 12 noon on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

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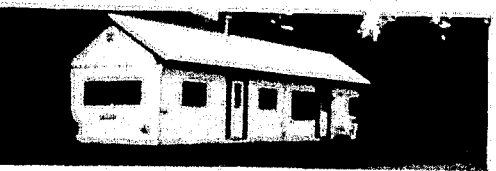
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May this Christmas season build excitement
and joy for all our friends.

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Ring in The New Year
at

The
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Country Club



New Year's Eve Dinner

APPETIZERS:

Cream of Broccoli Soup	1.50	Apple Juice	.95
Vegetable Soup	1.50	Tomato Juice	.95
Fish Chowder	1.75	V-8 Juice	.95
Eggs a la Russe	1.65	Herring in Sour Cream	3.25

ENTREES:

Roast Prime Rib of Beef - Au Jus	\$14.95
Baked Stuffed Sole - Bread stuffing & a mild white sauce	\$11.95
Baked Ham - Smoked ham with brown sugar & honey & a raisin sauce to top	\$10.95
Baked Half Chicken - Topped with gravy	\$9.95
Seafood Newburg - Scallops, shrimp, haddock and sole in a sherried Newburg sauce over a patty shell	\$12.95

Each entree is served with a salad, potato or rice, vegetable, hot rolls and butter.

A variety of desserts will be available at an additional cost.

Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

New Year's Eve Party

in the South Dining Room, 10 p.m. 'til 2 a.m.

\$10 cover charge includes:

Chuck Krueger and his band, Party Favors,
Champagne Toast

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the front desk.
Reservations for dinner and/or party a must.

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Day on the hill

Health Center
fundraising
exceeds 9

Challenge '85, the
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ed last week, exceeding
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Instead of the \$98.6
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